

Lehigh Canal, Lock 44  
(Freemansburg Lock)  
North end of Freemansburg Borough  
Freemansburg  
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- Location: North end of the borough of Freemansburg, at the borough boundary, Freemansburg, Pennsylvania.
- Description: 22 feet by 100 feet, Lock 44 is the sixth of eight locks in the long 11.1 mile Section Seven between Dam 7 at Allentown and the outlet lock at Hopeville. Lift: 8.6 feet. The upper drop gate holds back (under normal conditions) water for the Freemansburg level. From here the 8.3 miles to Dam 7 are watered and maintained by the municipalities through which the canal passes.
- History: The lock was constructed in 1829 by the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company. The adjacent two and one-half story lockhouse (title is in dispute at present) is believed to be the last original locktender's house surviving on the canal.
- Source: HAER Inventory by P. H. Stott, 8/1/79 and contact with C. W. Derr, Freemansburg.